

Nagar Palika Elections in Scheduled Areas

4220. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether some cases were filed in some High Courts against implementation of the Nagar Palika Elections in Scheduled Areas by the State Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government of India has any role to play in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b). No such cases have been reported by any of the State Governments having Schedule Areas.

(c) and (d). As per Entry 5 of the State List of the Constitution, Local Government is a State Subject. The elections to Urban Local Bodies are, therefore, held in accordance with the provisions of the State Municipal Laws.

[Translation]

Allocation of Kerosene

4221. SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the eight States of the country are being supplied Kerosene Oil below the national average;

(b) if so, the names of such eight States alongwith the details thereof;

(c) whether the predominantly rural poor and backward States are allocated less kerosene oil;

(d) if so, the justification for such anomalies;

(e) the names of such States which have higher allocation of kerosene oil than national average; and

(f) whether the Government propose to allocate kerosene Oil on priority basis to the predominantly rural States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (f). Details regarding the eight States whose SKO allocation is below national average and the States which have higher allocation of SKO than the national average are given in the Statement I and II enclosed.

Kerosene is an allocated product. The Central Government makes bulk allocation of kerosene to the States on historical basis i.e. on the basis of past entitlements. State Governments manage its retail distribution.

Requests are received from State Governments for additional allocation of kerosene from time to time. However, on account of constraints of product availability, foreign exchange and heavy subsidy involved, it is not possible to meet the full demand of the States. Nevertheless, a 3% increase has been given in the allocation of kerosene for the country as a whole during 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97, wherein more additional quantity was allocated to the States/UTs having less per capita consumption and vice versa, to reduce the disparity among the States/UTs.

STATEMENT-I

Names of States whose SKO Allocation is below National Average

States	SKO Allocation during 1996-97 (MT)	Per Capita Allocation 1996-97 (KG./Annum)	%Age Growth during 1996-97 over 1995-96 (%age)
Orissa	227701	7.19	7.7
Bihar	647512	7.50	6.7
Madhya Pradesh	508539	7.68	6.1
Rajasthan	345753	7.86	5.6
Uttar Pradesh	1128847	8.11	4.9
Andhra Pradesh	628138	9.44	2.1
Kerala	279701	9.61	1.8
Haryana	159099	9.66	1.7

STATEMENT-II

Names of States whose SKO Allocation is below National Average

States	SKO Allocation during 1996-97 (MT)	Per Capita Allocation 1996-97 (KG./Annum)	%Age Growth during 1996-97 over 1995-96 (%age)
1	2	3	4
Karnataka	498797	11.09	2.9
Himachal Pradesh	57345	11.09	35.8
Tripura	30577	11.09	32.3
Nagaland	13414	11.09	26.1
Meghalaya	19682	11.09	22.4
Mizoram	7649	11.09	20.2
Jammu & Kashmir	86392	11.19	1.0